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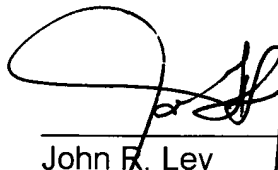
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR ALLOWANCE

In response to an Examiner's Amendment, attached as part of a Notice of Allowability, mailed October 4, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the stated reasons for allowing the claims of this application be reconsidered and accepted in accordance with these comments.

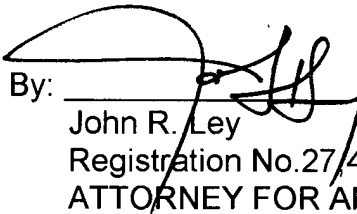
In the "Reasons for Allowance" section of the Examiner's Amendment, claims 1-12 and 17-29 were characterized as method claims, and claims 13-16 and 30-33 were characterized as apparatus claims. This is incorrect. Claims 1-3 and 17-33 are method claims, and claims 4-16 are apparatus claims. Furthermore, the limitations and features which were commonly attributed to the incorrectly-designated method claims are not applicable to all of the actual method claims, and the limitations and features which were commonly attributed to the incorrectly-designated apparatus claims are not applicable to all of the actual apparatus claims. Consequently, the reasons for allowance are inconsistent with the plain language of the claims.

It is believed that the claims have been allowed because the claims clearly define patentable subject matter, i.e. subject matter which has utility, which is novel, and which is not obvious, and that the claims and the application itself meet all other

applicable requirements of the U.S. patent laws and the USPTO rules of practice. If this is not the case, it is respectfully requested that prosecution of this application be reopened with an appropriate office action to identify any perceived deficiencies.

Respectfully submitted,

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